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Friends first to make bid for Frost

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The Friends of the Frost Centre has taken the next step towards turning its dream into reality. The not-for-profit group has sent out a formal request for proposal in the hopes of devising a formal strategy to reopen the Leslie M. Frost Centre.

"We are looking for someone who can take our vision and turn it into a business plan that meets government criteria," says FFC Chairman Max Radiff, adding that the deadline for submissions is Dec. 30.

The FFC wants to reopen the Frost Centre as a sanctuary for environmental education and will use a consultant's business plan to make a formal tender to the government - which is expected to release its long awaited request for proposal on Dec. 27.

Radiff says the FFC decided to move before hearing details of the government's proposal criteria because of the expected short turnaround time. It's hoped that getting a head start on the project will ensure that a proper tender can be prepared.

"We would prefer to wait and design our request for proposal to fit the government's but if we take the time to do that we could be left at the gates," say Radiff.

A number of obstacles can still get in the way of an FFC tender. The worst thing that could happen would be if the government asks for an outright purchase of the Frost Centre, which would put an

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DARREN LUM/Echo

O Christmas

Matthew Lawr sings, showing his feelings for the season. Lawr and his fellow students had a full house watching them as they performed skits and songs at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce on Tuesday Dec. 20. More photos on pages 14 and 15.

One year later

Chris Pothaar returns to Thailand a year after being swept out to sea

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Doris Pothaar hasn't had much time to reflect on the one-year anniversary of the tsunami that devastated Southeast Asia. As with many people the holidays have kept her busy tending to family festivities. But every now and then, in a rare moment of repose, she breathes a sigh of relief that Chris is still alive.

Chris is her 26-year-old son who, on break from teaching English in Japan, was visiting Thailand last year for his Christmas holiday. On Boxing Day amid the beautiful beaches of the island of Ko Raya - where Chris had been scuba diving and enjoying himself with friends for five days - Chris noticed something he had not seen before: A bay filled with brown water and floating umbrellas, coolers, and stray boats. It was then that a second wave hit and carried Chris out to sea. His body was knocked around by unrecognizable debris and he might have drowned had it not been for a Thai man who pulled him out of the water and into his fishing boat.

"It was really quite a shocking thing to go through," says Doris, who lives just outside of Harcourt. "It's quite a miracle that Thai man happened to come by because very few people who were swept out to sea survived."

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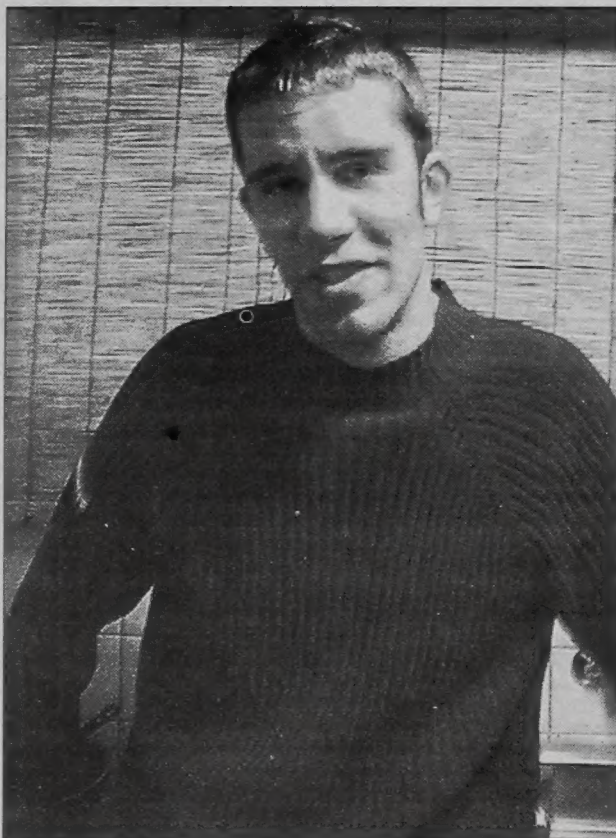
Return to Thailand an emotional journey

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Doris remembers her brother calling her from Stratford and urging her to contact the embassy after hearing news of the tsunami. The Pothaar family tried calling repeatedly but the line was continually busy. A call to the hotel where Chris was staying also proved fruitless as desk clerks were in the midst of chaos. It was later on Boxing Day evening that Doris and her husband Jake received a brief e-mail from their son telling them he was all right.

A subsequent e-mail from Chris that detailed his experience was published soon thereafter by *The Echo*.

Along with minor cuts and bruises, Chris's foot became infected after an underwater object went into his foot. His mother says it is fully healed now.



A Thai fisherman plucked Chris Pothaar out of the sea when the tsunami swept over the beach that Pothaar was on last Boxing Day. Pothaar, who's been teaching in Japan, felt compelled to return this year.

The emotional repercussions may take longer to heal. Chris is presently back in Thailand for a holiday visit. He feels it would be too traumatic to go directly back to Ko Raya and so is staying at another island in southern Thailand called Ko Pipi. His mother says the area he is visiting now was even harder hit and that the hotel lobby is infiltrated with pictures of lost family members.

"He's sort of trying to take it all in. It's quite an upsetting experience for him," says Doris.

Chris has, however, reported to his mother that he is encouraged by the rebuilding that's taking place.

After the fisherman saved Chris's life, he was transported to a large yacht where he was given preliminary medical attention by some passengers. One of those passengers was named Gina and lives in Windsor. Doris has since been able to express her gratitude to Gina for helping her son.

"It was nice to talk to her and be able to thank her personally," says Doris.

Chris has missed the last two Christmases at home while teaching overseas. And while his contract in Japan just expired, he plans to take up another teaching post somewhere in Asia in the new year.

"It would be really nice to see him," says Doris. "When it happened, all I wanted to do was just get him home here. But he says he's doing okay."

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Dysart pushes back setbacks

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al is on the cusp of having its first new comprehensive zoning bylaw since 1977.

One of the most notable changes from the former bylaw is the stipulation that pushes water setbacks on new properties to 30 metres.

"I think that's the biggest change," says municipal planner Pat Martin, one of the key architects of the 135-page document. "In this municipality, the idea is that we want to conserve as much of the shoreline as possible. Fifty years from now, we'd like to go out on our lakes and see what the Group of Seven was painting."

Martin emphasizes that the new 30-metre setback applies only to new lots. Existing properties that are already developed will abide by the traditional 20-metre setback established by the 1977 zoning bylaw.

The new bylaw finally puts teeth on the municipality's official plan that was approved almost two years ago. Even though aesthetics played a role in determining the distance of shoreline setbacks, it was mostly hard science that helped carve details. Martin says she was in regular contact with water specialists from the Ministry of Environment who told her about the important buffering role that shoreline vegetation plays in filtering lake nutrients.

"There is an environmental reason for these setbacks, it's not just arbitrary," says Martin. "What they are finding now is that the soil itself is a real important part of that vegetative shoreline buffer. The idea is that if you keep [shoreline setbacks] back, it gives the natural system a chance to bind the phosphorous and nitrogen that are having an impact on our lakes. So it's an environmental reason."

Other highlights in the new zoning bylaw stipulate that no part of an existing building within 10 metres of the shoreline can be enlarged and that all shoreline structures that are covered, whether permanent or temporary, are strictly prohibited.

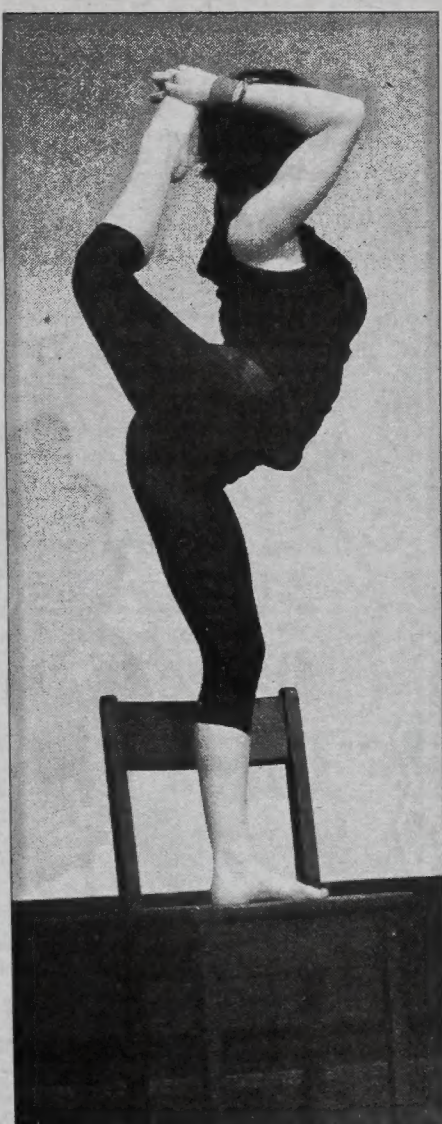
The new zoning bylaw should also make the job of Martin a little easier. Instead of assessing new lots on a case-by-case basis, the municipality can now refer to a comprehensive document that is more with the times.

"I think it makes it easier to explain to people what is happening. Because we were dealing with things on a case-by-case basis, people thought they were being treated differently than other people. Now people can see continuity."

Residents have a chance to appeal the new zoning bylaw through the Ontario Municipal Board up to January 9. If any appeal is filed, the 1977 zoning bylaw remains temporarily in effect.



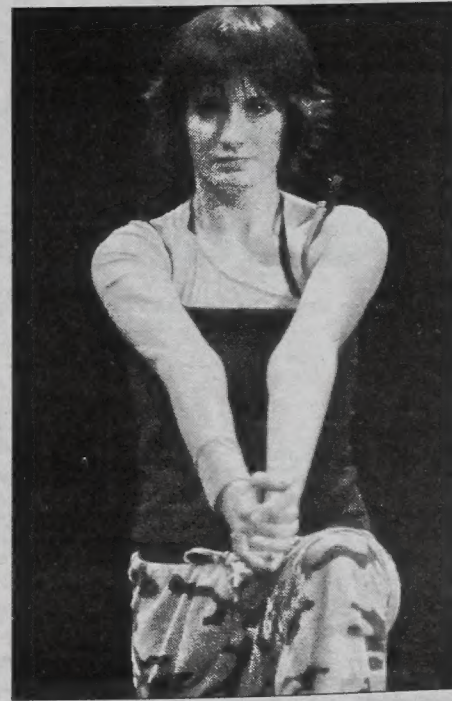
The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students staged their 5th annual Tributes Concert at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton on December 21. The sold out show was in honour of "spirit" and acknowledged the people who inspire others. The variety show celebrated with music, dance, film, and drama. Above Benton Brown gestures to the crowd, feeling the words during his singing performance.



Sara Lacy shows her flexibility, standing on a chair, performing to the Chicago soundtrack, above. Jade MacInnes shows her high kick in a hip hop dance number, at right. Dancer Sara Lacy faces the audience in performance dubbed, "Dancing while no one is watching", far right.



A line of performers jumps for joy after hearing that their auditions got them into the Tributes Show during the play within the play at the concert.



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Zamboni to be moving advert

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the December meeting of Dysart et al council.

The newly-purchased Zamboni at the Dysart arena will soon be sporting paid advertising space.

Store owner Glen Sharpley first approached the municipality wanting to advertise on the side of the Zamboni but council at that time had not yet considered the possibility of leasing advertising space.

The advertising space on both sides of the Olympia at the Minden area is rented for \$260 per season. Signboard advertising at the Dysart arena is \$200 per season.

In the end, council decided it will send out a request for proposal and accept the highest rental bid.

Recycling containers

Council resolved that the 2,000 curbside containers it purchased will be sold to its ratepayers for \$5 each including GST. The containers, which were purchased for \$14,277 from Rexdale's Norseman Plastics, are being provided for ratepayers for below cost in an effort to encourage local recycling efforts.

The municipality currently diverts only 10 per cent of its waste toward recycling bins but its goal is to get above 50 per cent.

Winter septic disposal

The holding tank waste generated by ratepayers in the municipality this winter will be disposed of for four cents a gallon – the same rate that was established for the previous year. That means Murray French will once again dispose of the waste at the waste water treatment plant and pass the four cents a gallon charge on to the property owner. The fee for this service already increased from three cents a gallon in 2003.

Rock the Wake

Council notified Rock the Wake organizer Chris Nimigon that his rock'n'roll extreme sport extravaganza would be best suited for June. Nimigon was hoping for a date either in July or August but Head Lake Park, where the event is staged each year, is already booked with other events such as the Rails End Gallery Art Show and Rotary Carnival.

Council would rather see Rock the Wake scheduled for June because it lands in the 'shoulder' season as opposed to the busiest tourist time in July and August.

Council also appreciated the presence of the OPP at the 2005 event and is asking Nimigon to once again hire officers for the 2006 event. The officers are a great expense to Nimigon but council feels they are a positive influence that help prevent problems with the young crowd.



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Hospice help grows

The graduating hospice class was hard at work, even on their last day of training, listening to Training Facilitator Dorothy Owens. There are 29 volunteers in total, including the 11 recent graduates who finished the 45 hours of training that started in September. Volunteers are responsible for helping people facing life threatening illnesses. Absent was fellow instructor Linda May-Powers.

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Winter Carnival returns to Haliburton village

BRYN WEESE

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Winter Carnival has been revived by the Chamber of Commerce. Mark the weekend of February 24, 25 and 26 down in the calendar. There promises to be fun for all in Head Lake Park.

There was a time, not too long ago, that fun in the outdoors did not come with a key, or gas, or speed. For many years, here in Haliburton County, the Winter Carnival, and then WinterFest, was the highlight of the snowy season with a weekend's worth of wintry fun.

Sadly, three winters ago, the Winter Carnival stopped. A lack of enthusiasm failed to generate enough interest both on behalf of the public and advertisers. The Carnival, once a time for sleigh rides, snowballs, bed races and even a winter carnival queen, was finished.

"We want to revive some of that old-fashioned fun," says Charlene English of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. "Let's have a snowball fight, let's have some hot chocolate. Does it all have to be motorized?"

Tentatively, the chamber is planning to have a bonfire and a night skate on Friday night with hot chocolate and hot dogs. For Saturday, a wealth of old-fashioned events include tobogganing, an on-ice four-hole golf course, as well as the usual winter activities of snowmobile and ATV events and, hopefully small Hummer tours.

While the events to date are still tentative, English is optimistic that the carnival will be a success.

"It's going to be fantastic," she says.

"I'm excited but also a little scared."

This year represents a shift in the direction of the chamber. Previously, the chamber has been contracted by Haliburton County to manage the tourism marketing of the county. Recently, the county decided to market tourism itself, leaving the chamber free to promote its members, says English.

"Although we are not directly involved with tourism marketing now," she says,

"we still need to be involved somehow. Instead, now, we need to support our members who are surviving in the tourism business."

The Winter Carnival is one of two events the chamber will be organizing annually. The other is a rock and gem show in the late spring or early summer.

In the next few weeks, the chamber will be designing a new web page for information about winter activities in the

county and the Winter Carnival itself. Visit www.experiencewinter.com for more information.

Also, the chamber can be reached at 286-1760 for more information.

English says she can use all the help she can get, especially from volunteers during the festival weekend.

"I'm going to need people with big hearts and snow shovels," she laughs. "And strong backs, too."



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Spree winner

BIA representative Andy Glecoff presented Haliburton resident Harry Rodley with a \$1,000 worth of "BIA bucks" in \$20 denominations after Rodley's name was drawn in a BIA promotion. These are redeemable in participating BIA stores and service places. There are no expiry dates. Rodley expects to do some shopping at Stedman's. Glecoff reminds people the BIA gift certificates are still available for purchase at participating stores.

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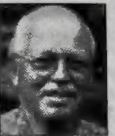
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Marion Hare: A few years ago Marion Hare graciously agreed to take over as the writer of a column called Perspectives. As a person who first put roots in the Highlands as a cottager and then dug a little deeper when she and her husband moved to Haliburton, she also brought with her a world view. Having lived in the United States and Europe, and studied in France, she did indeed have a unique perspective on life in the Highlands. She could judge our strengths and weaknesses from the inside, but also as an objective observer. This week is her last column for us and we all owe her a vote of our appreciation for sharing so many of her thoughts and ideas with us. It's appropriate that this week she also shares her cautionary warning: as we grow we must also protect what we have because if we don't the next generation will be mourning the loss. Thank you, Marion. Wise words.

Friends of the Frost Centre: Last year there was a handful of readers who said "Enough already!" when it came to our coverage of the closure of the Frost Centre and the group that had been formed to come up with a potential new owner. But as a community we can never say too much about the need to find some way to re-open this invaluable resource for all Ontarians to enjoy. Although it was all quiet on the Frost Centre front after the Frost Centre Working Group presented its recommendations to cabinet minister Gerry Phillips the Friends of the Frost Centre are putting the matter back on the front burner. They are the first group to present a proposal for taking over management of the educational facility south of Dorset. No group would be more suitable because no group has a deeper commitment to all the noble things the Frost Centre stands for.

Christmas music: It's sometimes schmaltzy, sometimes as overly sweet as a fruit loaf, but at least it drowns out the sounds of all those politicians fighting over who can best lead Canada. Elections can be tiresome at the best of time but just before Christmas? Sometimes the four parties' leaders sounded a bit too much like bickering siblings for comfort. Christmas is supposed to be the time we get over our differences and concentrate on what binds us together. That's why we need all those joys to the world giving us peace on earth. Bring it on.



Frosty morning.

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

4Cs for all in 2006

MY NEW YEAR'S WISH for our county in 2006 and onward I label the 4Cs. This is blatant plagiarism, for in our village of Haliburton we have a caring 4Cs society - 4Cs standing for Christian Community Concern Centre. Without question that caring centre is essential to our way of life. My 4Cs are a wish list that might hopefully enable the Highlands to grow but remain the very special place it is today

C#1 - Commerce. It forms the foundation of our communities, vital for our existence. That is self-evident. But commerce, of all types, from retail to real estate, from local enterprises to national ones, must not come to be the single dominant voice in these lands. The saying "If it's good for business it's good for everyone" should read "If it's good for business it's very good for some but not necessarily good for the community." I wish, however, for a thriving business community. Only then can we keep the Highlands' dream alive.

C#2 - Contention. That is verbal dispute. After all we are individuals who fortunately live in a democracy and are free to have a range of thoughts. If we try to stifle differences of opinion rather than work out acceptable solutions we will either fossilize or become minions accepting the dictates of the few. So far we are a vibrant community. One needs only to read the letters to the editor in our local papers to realize that people who care deeply about something take the time to express themselves and those who oppose for various reasons also care enough to respond. I hope we never become so blasé that we accept without questioning whatever parts of our county's life involve each of us. I hope that we remain civilized enough that words only remain our means of resolving contentious issues. That is essential for us to continue as a viable community.

C#3 - Conservation. Once a simple concept,

it now has spread to all aspects of our world: conservation of our lakes and land, conservation of our heritage, conservation of those aspects that give us a healthy environment. Each of these becomes involved in both commerce and contention. Some vehemently say keep us pristine, keep this county for those who reside here now. Some with equal fervour see continuous growth as the one direction that is not only essential but inevitable. The complexity of this issue, and the wisdom of the decision-makers performing the equivalent of repeated high wire acts will continually define this place. May they be blessed with the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job.

C#4 - Caring. So far the Highlands seem blessed with many who dare to dream and care enough to work to bring their vision to fruition. Many there have been, and most are unknown to me. Of some I know, and know of the lasting, shaping benefits they have bestowed upon this place. Carol Finn had a dream and fostered the fledgling Summer School of the Arts and after many years with many essential others it became a year round college. June Partridge whose determination, years of effort, thousands of kilometres driven, committee meetings attended all across our province has made us a better place. She shaped an organization and others continue it. Services to those with mental diseases, services that are the envy of other regions are now a reality here. Len Pizey, whose dream made into reality an annual non-competitive Music Festival, has already reaped great rewards. Many enthusiastically participate. Some of our young now actually dare to contemplate music careers partly because Len made his dream real.

Fifty years from now, what will these Highlands be? I am hopeful the profile will remain intact, the dreamers will continue to help shape us and commerce will thrive.



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It looks harmless. It's stylish, digital, has simple buttons, and the standard radio and alarm settings. It's so small that it hardly appears able to terrorize two rational adults. Yet it does.

My wife Carol brought that clock into our home. She thought it would teach our six-year-old daughter Carmen about time, and perhaps even help her get up in the morning. Thus far it has done neither, although it has taught me that all of my kids could sleep through a train wreck.

The problem is that the clock seems to think that it knows better than we do. For instance, two days ago, I set the alarm for what I consider a reasonable time – 7 a.m.. The clock stared me down, briefly considered my request, and then decided that we'd be much better off getting up at 3:47. Depending on relative humidity and, I believe, the intergalactic signals that it receives from the mother ship, it has an alarm accuracy of give or take five hours. Often, it will sound off on its own, just for the sheer fun of it. Inexplicably, the acoustics of our house are such that the alarm is only heard in our room.

Needless to say, this sort of

thing wears thin on a person.

On the plus side, the clock has brought Carol and I together in ways that I can only imagine happen in times of war. The periods we've spent plotting its demise are amongst the most meaningful moments of our married life.

Take our clandestine 3:48 a.m. meeting of two nights ago. "Maybe we could take it outside and shoot it," she whispers, almost giddy with excitement.

We both stop to visualize that clock against the wall, a black blindfold over its malevolent red eyes. It stands defiant, and smoking its last cigarette. Carol and I then rub our hands together and giggle in a manner that can best be described as creepy.

"How about tying it to the train tracks?" I counter. "Just for fun we could leave it plugged in right until the end."

"After the train has passed, can we still shoot what's left?" she asks gleefully.

"Sure," I say. "But why not drop the remains from a bridge into an ice cold river. We could pack it in cement first..."

Again, we laugh maniacally. Deep down, I suspect that something is not right. Even so, all of these thoughts cheer us in ways that they shouldn't and we both dance around the bedroom.

Of course, this wakes up the kids. Go figure.

As I write this, I wonder how an alarm clock got to be this way. Was it just born bad? Built on a Friday? Is it just a very stubborn non-conformist? Believe me, when you get up at 4 a.m., you have ample time to think of these things.

Worse still, I wonder how we are going to remove it from my daughter's room without her noticing. You see, Carmen loves her alarm clock. It makes her feel like a big person – a big person who sleeps in and ignores the alarm clock, but a big person nevertheless. Whatever method we choose is going to have to be subtle, that's for sure.

Carol believes we should remove it when Carmen is away at school. Unfortunately, that means waiting until the Christmas holidays are over. That's why I've proposed a lightning quick, surgical strike in the dead of night. Nothing too elaborate – just a clandestine operation that utilizes a few stun grenades, appropriate electronic countermeasures, and smoke. During the assault phase, I'll rappel from a helicopter down the side of the house and crash through the window while wearing night-vision goggles, flak jacket, and balaclava. I'll be carrying a silenced sub-machine gun, which I'll use only if things get crazy. Naturally, there will be no unit insignia patches and if I get caught, Carol will disavow any knowledge of the operation. Not that I've given it much thought.

The way I see it, if Carol lays down effective suppressive fire, we can complete the mission and be clear of the objective before Carm ever wakes up. Hey, did I mention that the Military Channel has surprisingly good programming at 4:30 in the morning?

I ran all this by my friend this morning and he thinks that maybe I'm a little stressed out. He's actually worried about me having fantasies that involve the use of stun grenades and excessive firepower on an inanimate object. Suggests it might even be unhealthy.

I just laughed maniacally. Then I assured him there was no cause for alarm.



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pic of the past

You might wonder why we're sharing a picture of two men hiking in the Alps but this photo was taken in the Highlands. It shows two of the men who were hired in 1947 to repair and expand the Hawk Lake log chute. It seems like the photo is from a time long, long past and makes you realize how much this county has changed in the past 60 years. Our thanks to Carol Moffatt for sharing the photo, which is part of her collection at www.stanhopemuseum.on.ca, with us.

letters to the editor

Praise for Nutcracker

To the Editor:

Once again Julie Barban has done it in producing a totally delightful performance of *The Nutcracker*. From the charm and fun of the littlest, newest of the cast to the loveliest and most beautiful of the experienced dancers it was a joy to behold. Hats off to all who participated either behind the scene or on stage.

Eleanor Cooper
West Guilford

Kudos and weirdos

To the Editor:

I am convinced that a certain percentage of the people who dump their waste at the landfill site leave their glasses at home, or simply can't read.

It takes 30 seconds to flatten a cardboard box but you see them in the plastic, tin and glass recycling container, in the paper recycling container, and strewn in the general waste area, despite the numerous signs.

Kudos to at least one of our local resorts at recycling, for the good job they were doing last Tuesday. In contrast last fall a summer camp truck made just one stop and with no attempt to disguise the contents.

Perhaps next summer a student interested in ecology, or whatever, could be hired to "help the drivers unload"!

Bruce Armstrong,
Haliburton

Currie family is worthy of emulation

To the Editor:

First I want to compliment and congratulate Lance Crossley on the quality of his writing of the story of Jeff Currie (Death without Death, Dec. 13 edition), and how well he has conveyed the message to your readers.

I also want to congratulate and thank Jeff, Pat and Bill Currie for having the courage to share their very deep, personal tragedy and story. I can only imagine the kind of mixed reaction you might be getting from your readers. Some might believe that they are only looking for sympathy and attention. Others will read and understand the story and your editorial in the true spirit in which it was told and written, i.e. that other people from all walks of life might learn and benefit, and help make this world a better place to live in. I believe that as painful as this story is to them personally, it is one that needs to be told!

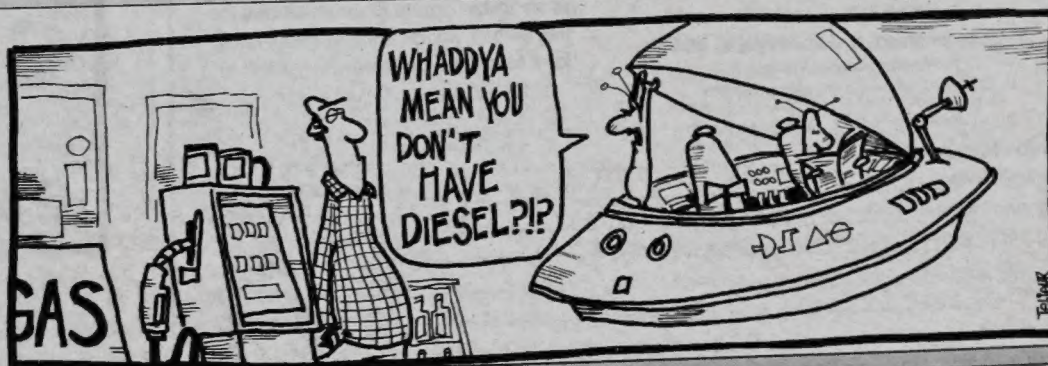
Having known the Currie family for almost 20 years, (long before Jeff's accident), they are not the kind of people who would look for sympathy and attention. I know that they chose to share their story with the outside world so that others might learn from their plight, and use that knowledge to make this world a better place for others to live in.

Ever since we have known the Currie family, they have consistently given back to others in so

See **Curries'** page 8

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur

We gave Charlie Christmas off so here's a repeat performance of one of our favourites





Pat, Jeff and Bill Currie personify courage, perseverance and love.

Curries' door always open

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many ways. Their door has always been open to others, whether it was people in need, simply welcoming their children's friends into their homes as they were growing up, or billeting Junior "A" hockey players and international exchange students for lengthy periods of time who needed a place to stay. Their efforts over the years (and to this day), to communicate openly and honestly with their children and their friends about whatever they wanted to discuss, and the life values they have taught their children, helped to mold them into the fine young adults they are today, contributing to society, not taking from it.

Sometimes I personally feel uncomfortable because you want to do something to help make their situation better, but you don't know what to do. The Curries don't want or need sympathy, and we don't want to give sympathy. Instead, we try to do the best we can. While we feel empathy for them, we just try to be good and true friends. We try to keep in contact and visit periodically, enjoy good conversation and if it helps them, we try to be good listeners whenever possible and whenever needed. We are so grateful that our lives are richer for knowing them.

I am not sure that I will ever understand the level of strength, courage, determination, will, perseverance, understanding and love that is shared among all members of the Currie Family, especially Jeff, Pat and Bill. Many marriages and families would not survive such an ordeal, and none of us wants to be tested in the same way.

Not to be outdone, Jeff himself is by far the best example to us all of what it means to have the will to live. That he is giving back to society through volunteering for medical experiments to help others, whom he doesn't even know, is almost beyond comprehension.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 2006.

Neil and Annette Bocking and Family
Whitby

Be careful of what you wish for with healthcare

To the Editor:

I hope that Ontarians, and Canadians generally, pay close attention to the discussions taking place around health services. I am referring to the acute care/treatment system in particular since the present Ontario government is moving forward to address the lack of preparedness as it affects public health units.

The latest Macleans magazine states that 59 per cent of Canadians support the decision recently taken in Quebec banning a prohibition against private health insurance. The results of the poll, however, are confusing. Apparently the majority of those polled "felt that private insurance would reduce wait times". This assumption is confounding since wait times are related to availability of physicians, nurses, technology workers, facility space, etc. A move toward private insurance will not change these numbers. In fact, training spaces and facilities for this purpose have already been ramped up in Ontario, and I suspect other regions of the country.

So, the only way this would have an impact on wait times would be to allow those with private insurance (or wealth) to jump the line ahead of those who must rely upon the public system. Now we are talking about two-tier healthcare, although 54 per cent of those polled apparently were against the idea that people should be able to queue-jump.

Some health "specialists" claim that this form of healthcare is available in England and it seems to be working quite nicely. Yes, you can purchase health services in England. I am personally aware of a case wherein a family decided to pay for their child's tonsillectomy (about \$4,500 Canadian) in order to move the child's operation from a three-month wait to a two-week wait. We also hear that as more physicians take advantage of the opportunity to practise in the English private system, the wait times for people unable or unwilling to turn to the private system are growing.

This should not come as a surprise to North Americans. In the United States one can access a high level of healthcare. The only catch is that one must also be quite wealthy. Mid and lower income Americans fear serious sickness and pay high insurance premiums, if they can even afford them. Without protection they face economic disaster if struck by life threatening beyond their means. It is interesting to note that a major impediment to General Motors' ability to com-

pete with foreign manufacturers is the annual medical cost for each American GM worker and retiree.

Because of the private healthcare system in the U.S., the American people spend around 14 per cent of their GNP on healthcare compared to around nine per cent for Canadians. Even so, the health levels of Americans is poorer than ours. For example the Canadian rates for infant and maternal mortality are significantly lower.

This is not to suggest that things can be left alone. There are areas wherein change could take place without affecting equal access to care. For example, I see no reason why a private interest should not be allowed to

offer health care services as long as they are limited to receiving OHIP fees for that service and are required to operate within the present referral system. In other words, no jumping the queue just because one is wealthy. This system is already operating in some areas wherein a diagnostic centre may offer services such as bone scans, etc. but the facility is owned and operated by private means, but receive OHIP fees and accept patients on a "as referred" basis.

For those individuals who strongly believe that they should be able to spend their money and pay for healthcare when they want it, be reassured that this option is already available. Nothing prevents a Canadian from accessing healthcare across the border. Just bring along your chequebook or a credit card with a big, big allowance.

There are many complicated issues surrounding access to healthcare and I hope that decisions made are guided by the input from all citizens and not just "experts" many of whom may have personal gain at stake. I urge all to take the time to listen and ask questions as the process of change moves forward.

Finally, I want to close by commenting on the relatively fine system of care available in Haliburton County. When we returned from a large urban centre to Haliburton, access to healthcare was a big concern. I can't say enough about the level of care in our area. It may not be perfect, it may not suit everyone's taste but, by comparison, be assured that it is as good as, and in many cases better than, most of Ontario. So thanks to our physicians, nurses, healthcare workers and volunteers who have built and maintain this important community service.

Dr. T. Hicks,
West Guilford

"In the United States one can access a high level of healthcare. The only catch is that one must also be quite wealthy"

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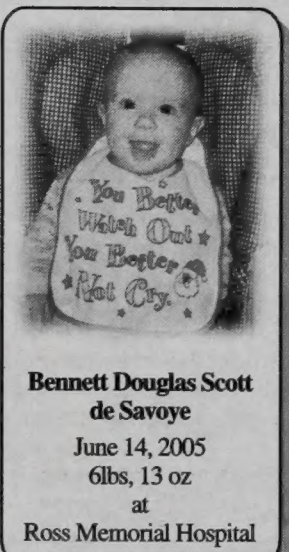
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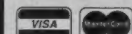
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It wasn't only the wise men who came bearing gifts. The event was directed by Kirk Biljetina, who came up with the idea for the fundraiser.



David Irwin brought in the most pledges for the walkathon which raised enough money to buy an ox, cow, two goats, two pigs, a hen and a rooster for a village in Ethiopia. The church can also buy 10 fruit trees, harvest packs for four families, and medical supplies. This money will be donated to World Vision.



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Stable of Hope

The spirit of Christmas came to life at Lakeside Baptist Church last Sunday when the young children re-enacted the story of the birth of Jesus to celebrate the huge success of Stable of Hope. A walk-athon this summer raised \$3,130 and the congregation donated an extra \$410. Micheon Reay played Mary.

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Remax appreciation

4Cs Director Irene McGuire gladly accepts a \$2,500 cheque from Remax broker/owner Linda Beachli at the Haliburton location on Thursday, Dec. 22. Beachli said this contribution to the Christmas fund is in recognition of Remax's 25 years in the Highlands.

Cottage Life owner has also expressed interest in the Frost

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abrupt end to the FCC's aspirations. As Radiiff says, "If they want \$3 million for the facility, we are out of business."

It's been several months since the Frost Centre Working Committee submitted its recommendations to government on what to do with the now defunct centre. The recommendations stressed the need to preserve public access and to use it for purposes of environmental education. Many of the recommendations fell right in line with the visions of the FCC, which is why Radiiff and company are approaching this process with a sense of urgency.

The FCC hopes to be the lead agency among a co-operative of other businesses and groups that will provide a strong environmental mandate for the Frost Centre, which sits on 40 acres of land adjacent to Highway 35 and Lake St. Nora.

"Eventually, we hope it will be known as an internationally known centre for environmental education and the study of biodiversity. And we're looking for partners to help us develop that because we can't do it on our own."

A potential competitor to the FCC tender is the expected submission from Cottage Life magazine owner Al

Zikovitz, who wants to create an "Explore Lodge". Cottage Life says the lodge would be a 4-star accommodation outfit for both domestic and foreign tourists. It also says it would provide an educational component by revitalizing the existing facility as a training ground for tourism and environmental management.

While it is possible for the government's eventual solution to include partnerships, Radiiff was unhappy that Cottage Life, which distributed its preliminary ideas to the public this past summer, did not mention any cooperation with the FCC.

"Basically, what I see in their vision is a private lodge resort with an educational sidebar."

The FCC used to do fundraising and volunteer work to assist with trail development and programming at the centre. After the Ministry of Natural Resources announced its imminent closure and declared the land surplus, the FCC reorganized itself into an advocacy group to help preserve the centre's original environmental mandate.

Radiiff believes the centre can be financially self-sustaining, saying that even the government could have made a profit had it been marketed properly.

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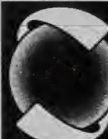
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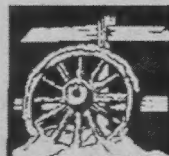
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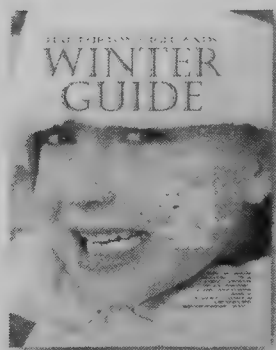
ATV driver charged with impaired driving

On Saturday, December 17 officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment observed an all terrain vehicle proceeding down a snowmobile trail off of Koshlong Lake Rd.

The driver of the vehicle was stopped, arrested for impaired Driving and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

A 20-year-old Haliburton man has been charged with Impaired Driving, Driving over 80 and several provincial offence act violations.

He will be appearing in Minden Court on February 1, 2006 in relation to the charges.



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Get ready for changes in smoke alarm rules

Some of the most law-abiding people are unknowingly breaking the law every day. Not for robbery, or speeding, or assault. But simply because they don't have working smoke alarms in their homes.

A recent amendment to the Ontario Fire Code now requires homes to have working smoke alarms on every level. This is in addition to the existing requirement of having smoke alarms outside all sleeping areas. The amendment applies to all single-family, semi-detached and town homes, whether owner-occupied or rented.

For homeowners, that may mean purchasing additional smoke alarms and installing them on every level of their home and outside all sleeping areas. Failure to do so could result in a ticket for \$235.

Landlords must make sure their rental properties comply with the law. Individual landlords who fail to comply with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements can face penalties of up to \$25,000.

Tenants of rental properties are encouraged to contact their landlords immediately if they do not have the required number of smoke alarms. Once smoke alarms are installed, tenants cannot remove the batteries or tamper with the alarm in any way. If they do so, the tenant could receive a ticket for \$235.

The Fire Code amendment comes into effect on March 1, 2006. After that date, fire departments will be enforcing the regulation in communities throughout Ontario.

"This may be a different approach than you are used to from your fire department," said Ontario Fire Marshal Bernard Moyle. "That's because they know how important it is to have working smoke alarms. If a fire were to occur in your home, smoke alarms could mean the difference between life and death."

Ontario fire statistics reveal that in about 50 per cent of fatal home fires, the victims had no smoke alarm warning.

"Think of smoke alarms as seatbelts for your home," said Moyle. "You wish you didn't have to use them, but when they are needed and they protect you and your family from harm, you are forever grateful that they were there and that they were working."

Smoke Alarm Facts

- Test your smoke alarms once a month and change the batteries every year.
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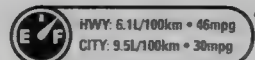
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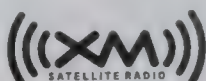
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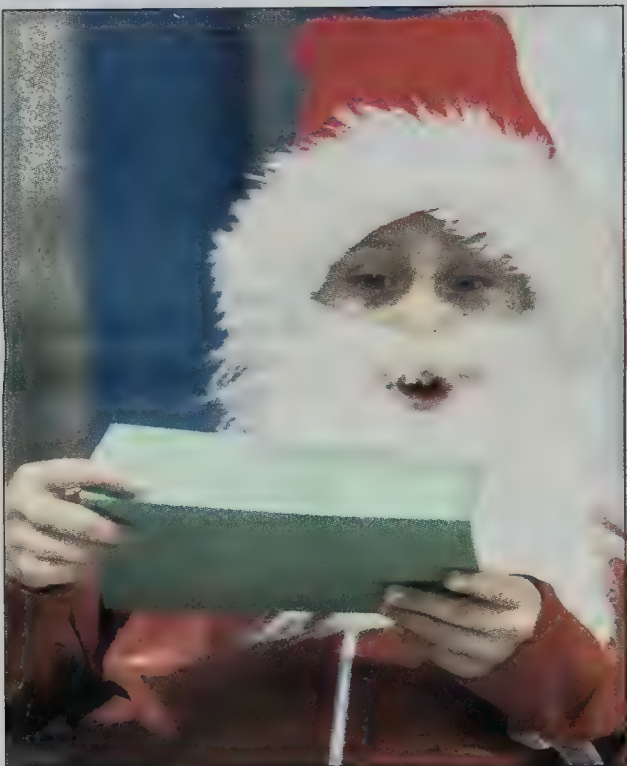
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Sarah Smillie leads her Grade 3 French Immersion class in a jolly tribute to Bonhomme during Stuart Baker Elementary School's Christmas pageant. Lucily, this

crowd peler was held Wednesday and Thursday so excited parents could delight in their children's efforts. Schools were closed Friday because of bad roads.



Santa Claus, performed by Devon Upton, reads over his list of naughty and good boys and girls, including SBES Principal Micheline Roy and librarian Jim Hopkins.



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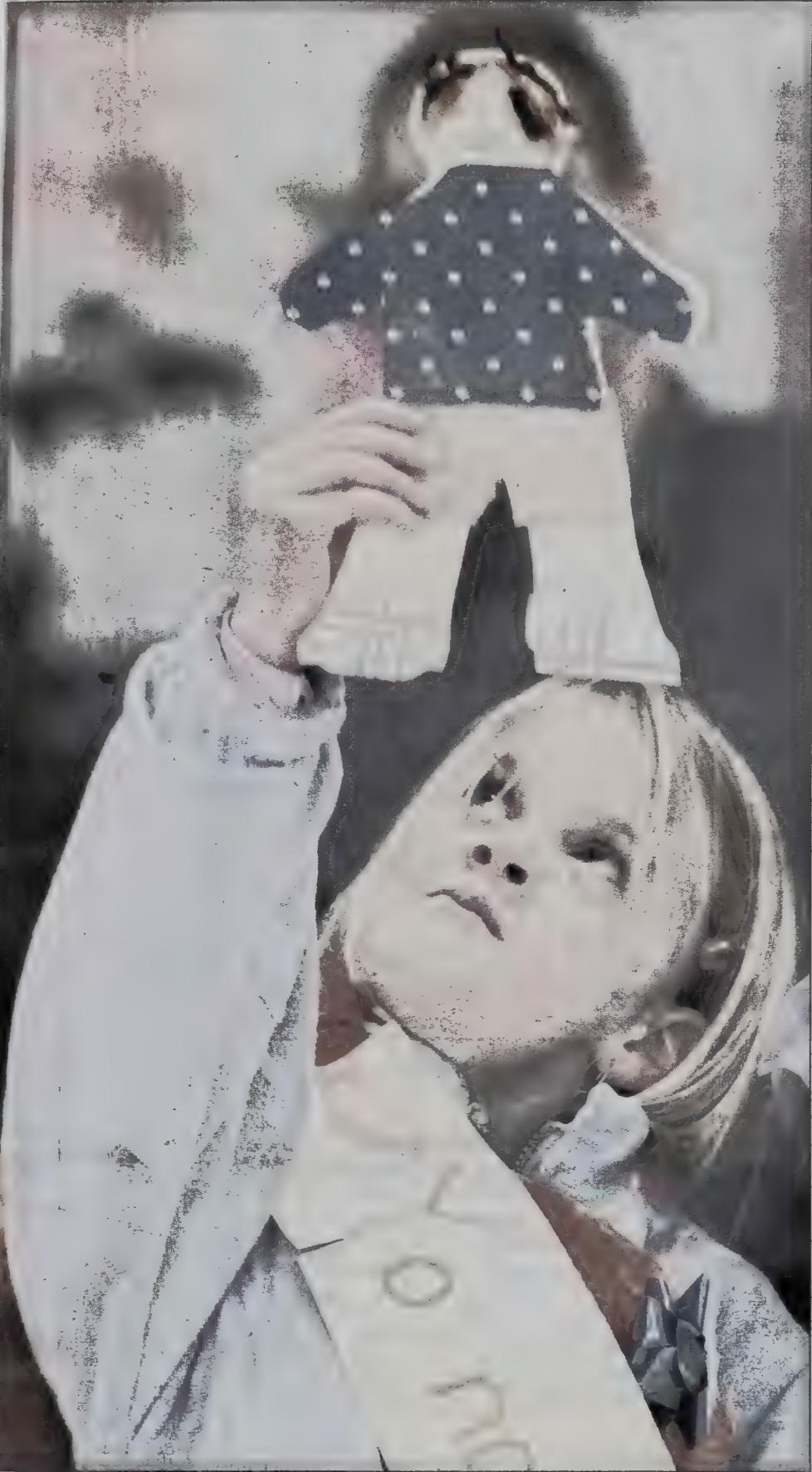
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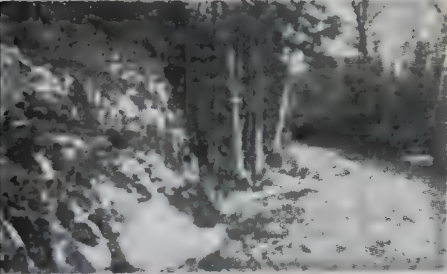


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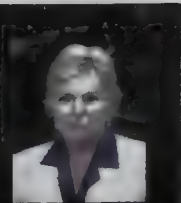


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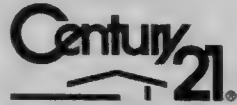
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Silverstick Tournament Organizer

The Highland Storm hosted their third annual Silverstick regional hockey tournament with great accolades from all participants.

On Saturday Dec. 10 and Sunday Dec. 11 the Atom and PeeWee AE divisions played 30 games. On December 17 and 18 the Bantam and Midget divisions played 30 games.

All the Storm teams performed very well. The Atoms and Bantams had three close games in their round robins with tough competition. The Atoms tied Napanee 2-2, lost to Lakefield 2-0 and lost to Caledonia 3-2 in a nailbiter.

The Bantams lost 2-1 to Lindsay, 3-1 to Parry Sound and 3-2 to Belleville in some really tight games.

The Atom championship went to Napanee who beat Lakefield 1-0. The Bantam championship went to Tavistock who squeaked by New Hamburg 2-1.

The Storm's PeeWees and Midgets advanced to the Sunday playoffs. The PeeWees lost in the semi-finals 3-2 to Acton who went on to win the Championship 5-2 over Belleville.

The Midgets defeated Port Hope 4-2 in the semi-finals and out-smarted the Bracebridge Bears 4-1 to win the Midget championship. Congratulations to Coach Jim Winn and his hockey club who will once again represent the region at the International finals in Pelham in January.

I would like to thank all our host storm teams for running excellent tournaments. Russ Holmberg, the deputy commissioner for the Silverstick Hockey Association, visited the Dysart Community Centre and the S.G. Nesbitt arena during the Tournament and gave a thumbs-up report on our tournament.

Running successful tournaments takes a lot of dedication and volunteer support. I would like to thank Rod and Wendy Sisson, Nanci Hunter, Mark Freeman, Don and Janice Lewis, Bill and Sherry Mulholland, Jim and Barb Winn, Andy and Cathy Salvatori, Craig Cowen, Gary and Gayle Clements, Ron and Brenda Callaghan, Dave Martin, Glen Hall, Karen Trehome and their supporting casts. Awesome job! If I missed anyone I apologize.



Storm Midget AEs internationally bound

BILL KULAS

Special to The Echo

The Highland Storm CRS/Rodeo Entreprises Midget AE's are internationally bound.

On the weekend of Dec. 17 and 18 the boys played in the Regional Silver Stick Tournament in Haliburton.

Their first game was a close checking game as they skated to a 1-0 win over Tavistock. Game 2 Saturday afternoon was against the Stayner Cyclones the Storm came out forechecking very hard and held a 2-0 lead.

The tide turned and Stayner tied it up. But the Storm was intense again not letting up this time as the boys

won it 6-2.

Game 3 against Lakefield the boys were a little over confident and found themselves down 2-1 with four minutes to go. But turn it on they did and with 14 seconds left they won it 4-3.

In semi-final action Sunday against Port Hope the boys just knew they had to be very disciplined. They were, and they were rewarded with power play chances. They scored an empty goal to win 4-2.

The boys' fifth game was against their league rivals the Bracebridge Bears. The result was a 4-1 win.

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Storm hits Wasaga's beaches

WADE MACINNES

Special to The Echo

On the weekend of December 10 and 11, a wicked storm called Atom A decimated Wasaga Beach's Silverstick hockey tournament in what reporters called a level 5 performance. The weather was nasty and the hockey was outstanding.

Saturday morning the Storm Atom Reps started off with a convincing 5-1 victory over their playoff rivals the Oro Thunder. Mitch "the moose" Byers stood tall in the storm cage stopping many Thunder chances.

Feeling cocky the Storm came out flat against the Ennismore Eagles in their second game of the tourney. The Eagles took it to the Storm, beating them to the puck and dominated the entire game to win 3-1.

Being a three-game round robin point system the

Storm Atoms still had an outside chance of advancing to the championship. They would have to beat the Penetang Flames not only in the game score but in every period. If the Flames even tied the Storm for one period they would go on to the championship.

Before the third crucial game, Coaches Dean Chaulk, Jeff Howe, John Ballantyne and Barry Boice gathered the troops, stressing to them the importance of giving it their all every shift of every game. The boys took the advice to heart, shutting down the air horns of the loud Flames fans early in the first.

The Storm won the first period 1-0, the second period 2-0 and the third period 3-0 to win the game 6-0 and out-point Penetang by half a point to advance to the championship game against Paris.

The Paris Wolfpack opened up the scoring two minutes into the game but 30 seconds later the Storm

answered back on a nice tip in by Tanner Ballantyne assisted by linemates Jordan Howe and Stewart Chaulk. Storm captain Zach Boice then pinched in at the pack's blue line and hit Donovan MacInnes with a wicked pass in the high slot. MacInnes went wide on the "D" and fired in the go-ahead goal.

Early in the second Doni and Taylor Rowbotham set up centreman Tanner Hamilton for the third Storm goal on a nice three-way passing play. Late in the second frame the Wolfpack scored to close to within one.

The third period went end to end with both goalies shutting the doors. With one minute remaining in regulation time, the Pack pulled their goalie for an extra attacker but Andrew Hewitt and Zach Boice combined in setting up Nicky Hunter for the empty-netter to seal the deal.

The Storm Atoms were champions of the Wasaga Silverstick. Playing their two best games of the season to win this tournament made all Storm parents very proud and will be etched in their memory banks for life.

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Congratulations to Carol Duncan on winning the award for second place for best-decorated Christmas lights on and around her house, thanks to Haliburton Home Hardware.

Congratulations to Gary and Ruth Cooper on the arrival of their new grandson, Benjamin, brother for Amelia, and son of Janice and Jonathan Poole, in Orangeville on Dec. 13, 2005.

Faye Stamp is one of those fortunate ones who will have all her family around her on the 25th: Wade, Lynn, Derrell, Kim and Craig, Cherie, Lana and Darcy from Calgary.

Into the midst of all the Christmas joy comes the sadness of the one who have bereavement to face. We think of the families of Bev Dodge of Kennisis Lake

West Guilford woman wins prize in lights contest

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on Dec. 10 and of Stewart MacDonald also of Kennisis who died on Sat. December 17. Many thoughts and prayers will be with them as they face a quite different Christmas from what they have ever known.

Time now to catch up on all the hap-

penings since we went away to Lake Cowichan, B.C. to see our son Andy and his wife Kim and family of two. During our time there we went to Comox to see Ann and Paul Chevrier and they send their best regards to any and all who knew them in their teaching days in Haliburton. Angus, Ann's son also called in while we were there, as well as his son, Keefer. Good to catch up on their news after so long away.

Here, a beautiful Sisson wedding took place at Shane and Linda's house when their daughter, Kristen married Josh

Thompson.

Karlene Cooney made the beautiful bridal dress. Linda's parents, Roland and Dorothy Leteurneau were present, along with Erma Sisson.

The Rev. Brian Plouffe officiated at the ceremony. Amanda Bacon was bridesmaid and Amanda Sisson, maid of honour. Chris Miller was groomsman and Dave Cooney was best man. Shane's brother Kevin, his sisters Valerie and Leslie Chumbley, were all in attendance with their families.

Many more friends and relative gathered later at the Legion in the Haliburton to further celebrate with the happy couple. The Guilford Community joins in wishing them many years of happy marriage.

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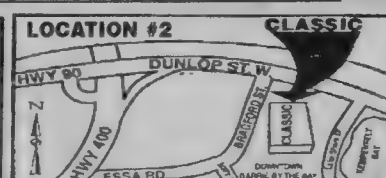
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The Wilberforce Elementary School students staged their annual Christmas Concert at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Local school board trustee Valerie Smith extended warm wishes for the holidays to the audience of parents and family members at the annual concert. The school's choir demonstrated its great skill with songs such as *Child of the World*. At the concert's conclusion Santa Claus paid a visit, giving treats to the children. Photo, Darren Lum.

Christmas Concert a smash with parents

As I entered the Lloyd Watson Centre last Thursday I was met with a little chaos, a buzz of excitement and teachers nipping shenanigans in the bud. Parents, grandparents and family friends armed with cameras and camcorders filled almost all seats. It would have been a sell-out show for the Wilberforce Elementary School Christmas Concert 2005 if an admission had been charged. Every wiggle of the students, and there were plenty, revealed their excitement at getting a chance to perform with their friends in front of such a crowd. The show was no disappointment. The children shrugged off their shyness and raised their voices and sang many of those cherished Christmas songs plus some new and very interesting ones.

The Junior and Senior Kindergarteners Class started the afternoon performance off with a catchy little tune that I would give a numerical rating of "two thumbs and two big toes up." It was evident by their excited participation they too enjoyed singing their song, *Two Thumbs & Two Big Toes*. It is a delightful little tune that has a habit of getting into your head and staying there. They finished their set off with *The Twist*. Young and old alike were drawn to the Chubby Checker era as the kindergarteners danced to that great '60s song. Mathew Lawr was looking good as he clapped his hands and round and round and up and down he went. Twistin' time was here again.

Carolyn Dahlke's lively guitar and passion for music brought the best out in the grade 5 and 6 class as they performed the popular Christmas songs *Feliz Navidad* and *Mary's Boy Child*. What a wonderful Spanish song, *Feliz Navidad* - "I want to wish you a Merry Christmas De todo Corazon (from the bottom of my heart)."

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

Dramatic recitations by the Grade 3 and 4 class, Christmas carols by the Grade 4 French class, the grade 1 and 2 class presentation *Please Santa, Give Me a Break* and the choral reading by the Grade 5 and 6 French class were all excellent.

For the finale the choir sang *Child of the World* and then signed it. All the children did an outstanding performance. Mathew Lawr sat front and centre looking so innocent and pure as he raised his voice in song along with fellow choir members. Then as the Choir signed the song, my eyes were drawn to Matthew's tiny hands like a moth to a flame. To me his hands spoke of a child's pureness and innocence and as I looked about and saw tears glistening in some of the audience's eyes, I knew they were also feeling very warm and fuzzy inside.

Kudos to all teachers for their energy and patience and a big thank-you to the community for their endless support. The concert was an enormous success.

I wish to send season's greetings and warmest wishes to all. May your hearts and home be overflowing with love, friendship, hope, joy and peace. May all your days be filled with lots of laughter and happiness. May your spirit never grow dim or old and may all your clouds have silver linings and your rainbows pots of gold. Lastly, may all your dreams come true and may you have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and pros-

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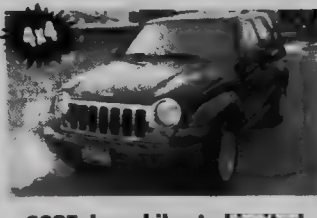

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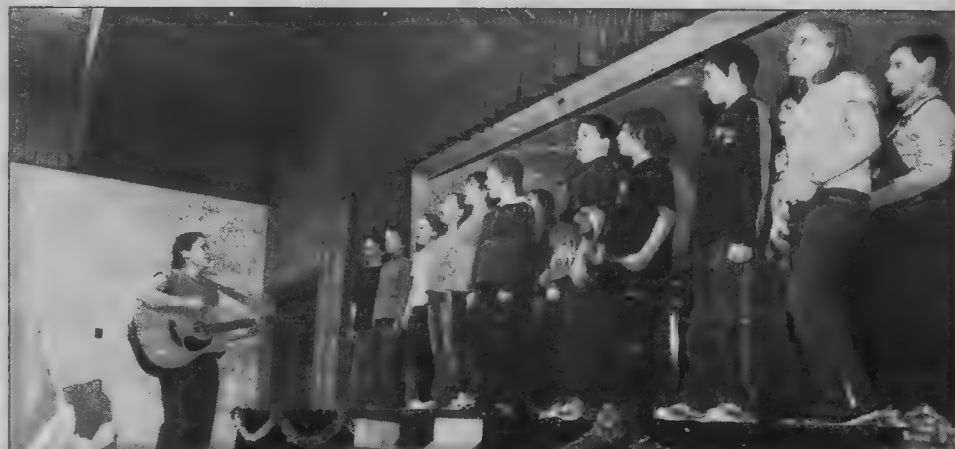
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More photos from the Wilberforce Elementary School Christmas Concert: from left, pointing the way to a great holiday; children nervously line up to meet Santa; singers entertain the crowd.



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Holiday musical cabaret hits local stage Dec. 29

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perous New Year.

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December 29: please plan on attending the Home to the Highlands Holiday Musical Cabaret with Edgar Thatcher and Friends at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Cost is only \$8 in advance for adults. \$10.00 at the door or \$8.00 with a non perishable food item. Seniors and children under 16 are just \$5. Admission for a family of four is \$20. Advance tickets available at Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce, Henwood's Variety in Haliburton and at Harvest Moon and Woodbugs & Guitar Nuts in Bancroft. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with

show starting at 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. This wonderful show is in support of the Heritage Guild, Essonville Church and the Agricultural Society

December 31: New Year's Eve Program at the Harcourt Community Chapel starting at 9 p.m. Everyone welcome to join in for a family evening of fun, food and fellowship.

December 31: New Year's Eve Party. Join family and friends from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre and dance to the great sounds of the Lost River Jammers. Cost is only \$35 per couple and a light buffet lunch will be served during the evening. For further information or tickets, please call Ross Covert at 448-3196.

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Winners chosen

The recent poster contest winners at Wilberforce Public School are as follows:

Grade 1, 2, 3 black and white posters:

Rebecca Anderson Grade 3; Kelsey Maracle Grade 2; Patricia Savard Grade 3

Grade 1, 2, 3 colour posters:

Stanley Riley Grade 3; Taylor Lewis Grade 2; Cole Finley Grade 2

Grades 4, 5, 6 black and white posters:

Niki Wingrove Grade 6; Samantha Vanier Grade 5; Dwayne Meharrie Grade 4

Grades 4, 5, 6 colour posters:

Kristyn Mulley Grade 5; Bethalin Callfas Grade 6; Alana-Rose Coty Grade 5

Poetry:

Bethalin Callfas, Grade 6

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated, with a special thanks to the winners.

It's almost New Year's Eve, time to let out the old and bring in the new, but before we can do that, we have a few announcements to make.

On December 24 the Legion will close at 5 p.m., and stay closed Dec. 25th for Christmas Day and re-open at the usual time on Boxing Day, Dec. 26.

Dec. 31 is of course New Year's Eve, and we are have a dance featuring a live band, *The Sound of Thyme*. It's from 9 p.m. 'til closing and the cost is \$35 per couple or \$18 for single. There will be a cold buffet at 11 p.m. This promises to be a very exciting evening, so come out and join us.

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Mel Smith

Jan. 1: Dave Burton will be welcoming everyone to the President's Levee at 1 p.m.. All are welcome.

Jan. 3: The executive meeting at 7 p.m.

Jan. 5: Elois Somerville, president of the L.A., would like me to announce her L.A. executive meeting.

Jan. 8: This date will start off the all-you-can-eat brunch. This will become a ongoing thing every second Sunday. Cost: Adults \$6, children \$3 and children under 6 are free.

Jan. 13: We are having our appreciation dinner at 6:30 P.M. and a murder mystery.

Jan 21: The Pat and Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Derby.

Jan 28: Robbie Burns Dinner.

There will be more information on the last three items as it becomes available, or you can call 448-2221.

Lest we forget:

Monday fun pool at 7 p.m.

Wednesday fun darts at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday open euchre at 1 p.m.

Thursday competitive darts 7 p.m.

Merry Christmas to all, and happy and healthy New Year from Legion President Dave Burton, L.A. President Elois Somerville, Public Relations Officer Mel Smith and my staff Valerie Smith and Gail Alden.



It's all downhill from here!

Stuart Baker Elementary School students Courtney Cox and Logan McCready take advantage of the school's tobogganing day on Wednesday, Dec. 21. It was a day of crafts, song and winter fun for the children at SBES during the week leading up to Christmas. Photo, Darren Lum.

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Greet the new year with healthy treats

Eat, drink and be healthy, says our favourite foodie Franka Andriano

FRANKA ANDRIANO

Special to the Echo

Christmas is always an exciting time as no one knows what the next year will bring. We all make so many resolutions but this year I plan to just resolve not to make any.

Just eat, drink and be healthy. So start off your New Year's parties and get together with some healthy treats.

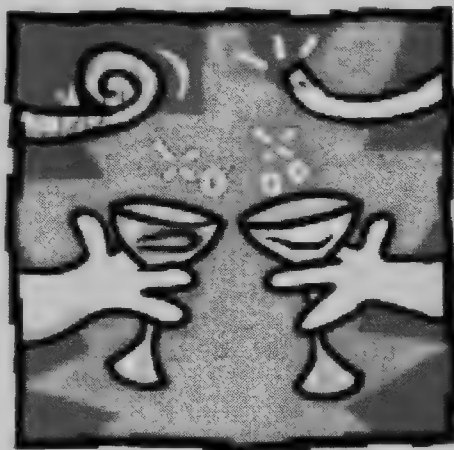
Smoked Salmon Roll Ups

1 cup soft herbed cream cheese
12 long thin-cut slices smoked salmon
Capers

Bring the cream cheese to room temperature. Place the salmon slices on a plate and spread evenly with the cream cheese. Roll up and secure with a toothpick if necessary. Garnish with capers.

Avocado Tartar

2 avocados peeled and pitted (ripe, soft to the touch but not mushy)
1 shallot finely chopped



1 tbsp finely chopped tarragon
1 tbsp finely chopped chervil (goat cheese)
Juice of half lemon
Salt and pepper

Put the ingredients in a blender and blend. Refrigerate before serving. Serve with veggie sticks or interesting crackers or nachos. Make ahead.

Savoury Mini Cheesecakes

Basic Cheesecake
3 oz pretzels
1/4 cup butter, melted
8 oz cream cheese, softened
2 eggs
2 tbsp all purpose flour
Pinch freshly ground black pepper
1 cup sour cream
Sun Dried Tomato and Olive Filling
5 tbsp finely chopped sun dried tomatoes
3 tbsp chopped black olives
1 1/2 tbsp chopped fresh basil
Fresh basil leaves to garnish
Smoked Salmon Filling
1/2 cup chopped smoked salmon
1 tbsp chopped fresh dill
1 tbsp lemon juice
1/2 tsp grated lemon zest
Preheat oven to 300°F. Spray 3 miniature muffin trays with non-stick cooking spray

1. Process pretzels in food processor until very fine (looks like breadcrumbs); you should have three quarter cup crumbs. Mix with melted butter. Press one tsp into bottom of each mini muffin cup. Bake in centre of preheated oven for 6 to 8 minutes or to set.

Tip: if you don't have mini tins, use small muffin liners and peel the liners off once the treats are cooked.

2. Beat cream cheese to blend. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until smooth. Beat in flour, pepper and sour cream. Divide mixture into 2 bowls. Stir ingredients for salmon filling in one bowl, sun-dried tomato and olive filling into the other. Mix well. Spoon about one tbsp filling over each tart base. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or just until filling is set.

Cool to room temperature on wire rack then cover and refrigerate at least two hours or up to 24 hours. Run knife around edge of each cheesecake to loosen.

Garnish with fresh dill or basil before serving.
Freezes well.
— From Food and Drink Holiday 2005.

Pesto and Parmesan Cheese Pie

Great for bulk baking.
One cup finely crushed Ritz crackers
3 tbsp butter melted
Filling
One pig cream cheese, softened
2 eggs
One half-cup milk
2 tbsp each pesto and freshly grated Parmesan cheese
One-quarter tsp black pepper

In a small bowl stir cracker crumbs with butter; press evenly over bottom and one inch up side of; 9 inch pie plate or onto bottom of foil lined 8-inch square cake pan.

Bake in centre of oven at 325°F for 10 minutes.

Filling: in bowl or food processor, beat cheese until smooth; beat in eggs one at a time beating well after each addition. Stir in milk, pesto and Parmesan until well blended. Pour over crust.

Place rimmed baking sheet in centre of 325°F oven; place pie on baking sheet. Pour enough hot water into baking sheet to come halfway up sides of sheet. Bake for about 40 minutes. Remove pan from water and let cool completely on rack. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or until chilled. Can be made up to 2 days earlier.

Serve at room temperature or cold.

— From Canadian Living Holiday Baking 1995

Hope you have a happy, safe holiday.
Best wishes,
Franka Andriano



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND SUBMISSIONS OF QUALIFICATIONS

Long-Term Lease Opportunity
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RFQ No. 05C027

The Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC), on behalf of Ontario's Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, is pleased to present an opportunity for a party or parties to enter into a long-term lease of the main campus of the Leslie M. Frost Centre, for the primary purpose of investing in, and operating environmental and outdoor educational programs with possible compatible secondary uses.

This 39-acre property is located in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, about 12 km south of the Town of Dorset, with frontage on Highway 35 and Lake St. Nora. There are 26 buildings and other structures on the site, comprising over 90,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area. For nearly 60 years until July 2004, the Ministry of Natural Resources operated these facilities as a natural resource educational and training centre.

The purpose of this Request for Expressions of Interest and Submission of Qualifications (RFQ) is to seek submissions from parties interested in pursuing this potential opportunity. The RFQ is the first step in the process towards the selection of a suitable proponent with whom ORC intends to enter into a leasing arrangement.

Full details of this invitation are provided in the RFQ document which can be viewed on the ORC website at www.orc.on.ca by clicking on the "Business w/ORC" tab. As specified in the RFQ document, parties desiring to submit a proposal must register their interest in writing, no later than 3:00:00 p.m. EST on January 24, 2006 at the following address:

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Any questions regarding the content of the RFQ document should be forwarded in writing, via e-mail indicating 'Frost Centre RFQ' to Connie Locke, Project Manager, at Connie.Locke@orc.gov.on.ca

DEMANDE D'EXPRESSION D'INTÉRÊT ET DE QUALIFICATION (DQ)

Possibilités de bail à long terme
Centre Leslie M. Frost
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DQ n° 05C027

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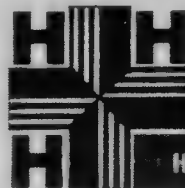
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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION
TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE:** January 9th, 2006
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.
- LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.
- APPLICATIONS:**
- The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are a part of an original road allowance, allowance for road or shoreline road allowance, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.
1. Applicant: Mahood
Location: Kennisis Lake
• Shoreline Road Allowance
• Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lots 16 and 17, Concession 2, Township of Harburn.
• Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Greg Bishop, OLS, being available for review in the Planning Department.
1. Applicant: Rizun
Location: Bitter Lake
• Shoreline Road Allowance
• Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 10, Township of Guilford
• Defined as Part 4 on Plan 19R-6458, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
1. Applicant: Yarde
Location: Boyne Lake
• Shoreline Road Allowance
• Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lots 3 and 4, Concession 11, Township of Dudley.
• Defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 15th day of December, 2005.

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- **Dec. 31:** Coboconk Royal Canadian Legion invites everyone to their New Year's Eve Party with DJ Alison Bowins. Tickets are now available. Price includes a light meal and a chance at the door rize, a 19" colour TV. Bring your noise makers and hats and ring in the New Year at the Coboconk Legion Hall.
- **Jan. 10:** Ontario Early Years Minden Family Supper Night is taking place on January 10, 2006 for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child and other families join us for information on how to manage difficult behaviours with our guest Darlene Box from Family Services. Please call to register by Monday, Jan. 9, 2006 at 286-1770.
- **Jan. 12:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden - Well Baby Drop-In will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in (Sears Building). Visit with a Family Helth Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. For information call the Health Unit, 457-1391.
- **Jan. 12:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton Family Supper Night is taking place on January 12, 2006 for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child and other families join us for information on how to handle your child's whining and temper tantrums. Please call to register by Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006 at 457-2989.
- **Jan. 12:** Ladies Fellowship - The West Guilford Community Centre, Thurs., Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Theme: New Beginnings. Special Speaker: Ruth Carter. Feature: Mary Gryciuk of Marty's. Music: Donna Lee Sisson. Join us for a ladies night out! For more info. call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- **Jan. 17:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be holding its regularly scheduled December meeting due to the holidays. We wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our next meeting will be Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Jan. 18:** Parent-Child Kindergym - The Ontario Early Years Centre, in partnership with Haliburton Dance Arts, will be offering "Kindergym" for parents and their pre-school children. 6 week session starting Wed., Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Physical Journeys, Main St., Minden. Instructor: Terri Mathews. Call the O.E.Y.C. at 286-1770 to register as spaces are limited. There is no cost, donations appreciated.
- **Jan. 19:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton - Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Join Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton** for an exciting new parent child series. Cooking with Kids is a four-week program. Parents will leave with ideas to continue the learning at home. Please call Stephanie at 457-2989 for more info or to sign up.
- **Indoor walking** as a health promoting activity has begun again from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Walkers meet outside the custodian's office. No charge. For more info call Morris, 286-6079.
- **The Minden Women's Institute** meets in the Common Room at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden at 1:30 p.m. every 3rd wed. of the month with exceptions: Apr. 19 - Hanna Casper (Cox Farm Rd.) 1:30 p.m.; May 17 - Bea Berry 1:30 p.m.; June 21 Common Room 11:30 a.m.
- **Ontario Early Years Centre** is offers Free Developmental Screening Clinics by appointment only. Held at the Centre (behind Sears). Call 286-1770 to register.
- **Now until May 29/06:** Adult Badminton - Mondays 8 to 10 p.m. Starting Sept. 19 to May 29, 2006 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness. Phone 286-1765 for further info.
- **Thursdays are all about Babies** at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton. While babies sleep and play parents share the joys and wonder of parenting. If you have any question about your infants care, or growth and development the HKPR Health Unit offers a Well Baby Drop In on Nov. 17. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
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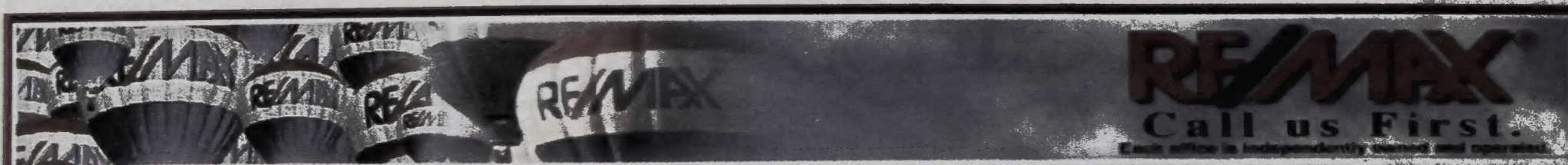
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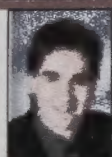
REDSTONE LAKE
33 wooded acres with this 3 yr. old log home set in quiet cove on prestigious Redstone Lake with sound of water rushing over nearby falls. Great room, w/2-1-2 storey radiant heat FP, oak, pine, ceramic floors, Hollywood kitchen, full fin. basement, double gar., 2000 sq.ft. covered decking & level walkway to lake for good swimming.

\$895,000



CRANBERRY LAKE
Warm & inviting 4 season cottage close to ski hill. Includes pine interior, spec. living area w/ airtight stove, 3+ BR, 4 pc bath, electric & wood heat, drilled well & septic. Family friendly level lot w/ combination sand and natural frontage, great for swimming. Unobstructed lake view from 2 sided deck, excellent access & turn-key sale. Perfect starter or investment property.

\$245,000



Troy Austen*



Linda Baumgartner*

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\$239,000



HALIBURTON HOME

4 bdrm, 2 storey home. Quality construction, 3 baths, plenty of room to roam with livingroom, family room and sitting room. 4.85 acre lot within walking distance to town.

\$375,000



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COUNTRY LOG HOME

Nestled on a nicely treed & very private 32 acre property, this custom built round log home features an open concept design. Vaulted ceiling with a massive one-of-a-kind stone FP, 3 bdrms, office/den, 2 full baths plus a detached 2 car garage and barn. A must see! Only a 10 minute drive from Minden.

ASKING \$289,000



HORSESHOE LAKE ROAD

Just listed! This immaculately kept 3 bdrm bungalow in an area of fine homes features a stone FP, hardwood flooring, full finished bsmt with a guest bdrm, 2 car attached garage, large back deck overlooking a level landscaped 1 acre lot. Many extras. Call Bill Kulas today for more details.

\$198,500

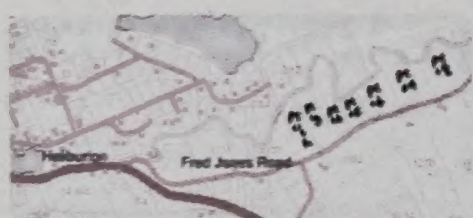


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from \$34,900 to \$64,900

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Cathy Lancia*

754-4242

REDPINE LAKE

3 bdrm, 4 season log cottage. No winter water, but well insulated & cozy w/ generator & wood stove. Several out bldgs incl 2 w/ front & back doors. Lobo, generator, 2 canoes, 2 aluminum boats & motors, log splitter & many other extras & tools. Fully equipped to move in & enjoy. Sauna, septic & water system all work well. Gently sloping lot w/ lovely view of quiet & pristine Redpine Lake.

\$239,700



REDSTONE LAKE

Beautiful waterfront acreage on Big Redstone Lake w/ over 400 ft frontage & 8 acres of well wooded property one side has an awesome rock ridge for excellent privacy. On the other side is a gradual slope to the lake front. Driveway is in & site is arranged. Clean shoreline has rock & sand bottom w/ no weeds. Lovely Western view up East Bay. Prime waterfront acreage, don't miss it!

\$314,700

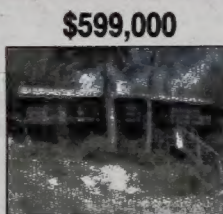


Geoff Bunn* & Miranda Newman*

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176 ACRE RETREAT

Located minutes from the town of Haliburton. This 3 bedroom home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm w/ wood interior & cathedral ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.



\$599,000



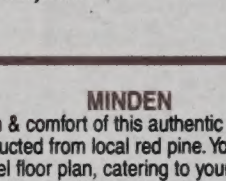
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12 MILE LAKE WATERFRONT

Level, private and beautiful sand beach, good building site. Miles of boating, great fishing and swimming. CALL NOW.

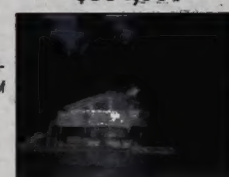
\$199,900



KUSHOG LAKE NEW PRICE!

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SWEET & COZY
Older home, 2 bdrm, family kitchen, lots of windows, level lot, all on oak floor. Nice workshop. Older metal septic tank, but still operational.

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Karen Nimigon*

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MINDEN

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\$229,000



Victor Disk*

286-2911
ext. 45

DUCK LAKE ROAD

Wow! Only minutes to golfing, skiing, snowmobiling, boating, swimming & fishing. This 3 bdrm home is nestled esthetically into a 5 acre lot close to Minden. A circular staircase sweeps from the lower, to the main & to the upper level. From the kitchen you can walk out to your balcony & enjoy your morning coffee or relax in a bright cozy living room. For viewing ask for Victor Disk.

\$279,000



SOUTH LAKE

This year round cottage/home is about 2 hours to Toronto & only minutes to Minden. A very large kitchen makes entertaining enjoyable. The 3 bdrms are a good size in this 1200 sq ft home. Close to skiing, snowmobile trails & more. This Lake boasts very good bass fishing. Come see for yourself. Ask for Victor Disk.

\$269,000



Elizabeth Thompson*

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CENTURY FARMHOUSE

Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lrg loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

\$219,000

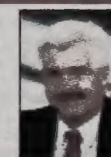


Vince Duchene**

457-1011
ext. 225

Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished rec room with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!

\$139,900



Ted Vasey*

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INGOLDSBY

Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/ island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.

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ASKING \$349,000



Lenor Fulton*

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Tracy Ackertblade*

HORSESHOE LAKE

Parklike setting at Minden Whitewater Preserve. Immaculate 4 bdrm fully insulated Viceroy home/cottage w/ 155 ft of lakefront. Central heat & vacuum. Airtight stove in sunken living room. Double size garage/workshop. Please call Tracy or Lenor.

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Melanie Vigrass*

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ext. 40

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Linda Beachli***

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Peter Brady**

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INVESTMENTS

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INVESTMENTS

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